

I-17 north Deer Valley on-ramp closing Saturday

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The Interstate 17 northbound on-ramp at Deer Valley Road will be closed Saturday until later this year.

Arizona Department of Transportation crews are adding lanes to I-17 and will reconstruct the ramp.

Drivers can instead use the northbound I-17 entrance ramp at Pinnacle Peak Road or Yorkshire Drive/Utopia Road when it reopens Monday.

The northbound I-17 on-ramp will be closed at 10 p.m. Saturday.

Northbound I-17 will also be closed Saturday night between Rose Garden Lane and Happy Valley Road. That closure will be in effect from 10 p.m. Saturday until 9 a.m. Sunday as crews shift traffic onto newly built lanes. Overnight I-17 traffic will be detoured onto the frontage road.

Loop 101 on-ramps to northbound I-17 also will be closed overnight. Drivers may use 19th and 35th avenues as detours to reach northbound I-17 from Loop 101.

A bridge on southbound I-17 at Deer Valley Road will be demolished Saturday through Monday to make way for a bridge that will accommodate the additional lanes on I-17. The northbound bridge will be demolished Jan. 17-19. Deer Valley Road will be closed from 5 p.m. Saturday through 5 a.m. Monday the next two weekends between 23rd and 27th avenues to allow the demolition.

During the closures, eastbound traffic on Deer Valley Road will use 27th Avenue or the southbound frontage road to Rose Garden Lane and return to Deer Valley Road on 19th Avenue or the northbound frontage road. Westbound Deer Valley Road traffic will use 19th Avenue or the northbound frontage road to Pinnacle Peak Road and return to Deer Valley Road on 35th Avenue or the southbound frontage road.

Business access on Deer Valley Road will remain open but detours will be in place.

Drivers are reminded that the southbound I-17 off-ramp at Deer Valley Road is closed until the fall of this year and that the southbound I-17 on-ramp is closed until spring during reconstruction.

Information about I-17 improvements, including maps and timetables, can be found at www.ValleyFreeways.com or by calling 480-890-3055.

Drivers may sign up for ADOT's weekly I-17 e-mail alerts regarding construction-related restrictions.